Appendix IV.

Vide Answer to Question No. 33

Statement of Temple Entry Stamps printed.

Denominations.		*Sheets of 42 stamps.*
6	Cash stamps. ...	9010
12	,, ...	9098
1½	Chackram stamps ...	6500
3	,, ,, ...	5500

Total cost. Rs. 1286-10-5.

Appendix V.

Vide Answer to Question No. 38

Statement *re* Ag. Superintendents in the Secretariat.

No. of acting Superintendents.	*Community to which they belong.*
3	Nayar.

PRESS REPORTS OF EXPUNGED PROCEEDINGS.

Mr. Kottoor Kunjukrishna Pillai (*Quilon cum Kunnathur*) : Sir, I wish to raise a question of importance for the ruling of the Chair before beginning the debate on the Demands for Grants.

Certain remarks were ordered by the chair to be expunged from the official proceedings on the first day of this session. I find that, in the issue of the Malayala Manorama of the 26th Karkatakam 1112, all those statements which the President had ordered to be expunged have been published with glaring head lines. I want a ruling from the Chair whether this is in accordance with the courtesy expected from the Press and consistent with the co-operation that is required of them. I bring this matter to your notice, Sir, because the President is the custodian of the rights privileges and dignity of the House, and as I consider this publication with such glaring headlines is in contravention of the instruction from the chair, I raise this Question for the ruling of the Chair.

President: My attention was drawn, even before Mr. Kottoor Kunjukrishna Pillai made his observation, to this publication. The Rules on the matter are perfectly clear. This is what is stated in Erskine May's Parliamentary Practice

> "The publication of the dabates of either house has been repeatedly declared to be a breach of privilege, an especially false and perverted reports of them. No doubt can exist that if either house desire to withhold their proceedings from the public, it is within the strictest limits of their jurisdiction to do so, and to punish any violation of their orders."

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As is well known, under every system of Parliamentary procedure, the Press is admitted into the House as a matter of courtesy and not as a matter of right ; and, so long as the representatives of the Press are present in the House, they are so present on the invitation of the person presiding. Therefore it is that what are called permits are being granted to the representatives of the Press.

It is equally well known that every Legislature very carefully guards its own dignity and privileges. One of such privileges is the publication of the proceedings in the manner and to the extent to which the House decides to publish them. It is open to any House, and to the Chairman or the President, to say that a particular day's proceedings shall not be published in the Press ; and it is the etiquette and the practice of the Press to respect that privilege of the House, apart from all questions of legal rights and obligations.

That being the case, it was very unfortunate that a highly reputed paper like the Malayala Manorama should have published proceedings which were expunged by a ruling of the Chair. I wish to state definitely that it is within the prerogative and the jurisdiction of the Legislature and of the President acting as the spokesman and custodian of the rights and privileges of this House, to enforce respect for and obedience to the rulings of the chair and the decisions of the House.

The present instance is probably a case of first impression. I have given this warning ; and I feel sure that the Press of the State will respect this ruling and act in accordance with its spirit.

VOTING OF DEMANDS FOR GRANTS—(contd.)

DEMAND III—EDUCATION DEPARTMENT EXCLUDING TRAVANCORE UNIVERSITY AND ALL INDIA ORIENTAL CONFERENCE CONCLUDED.

Mr. Kottoor Kunjukrishna Pillai : Sir, I was at the question of the status and emoluments of employees of private schools as compared with those of the employees of the departmental schools. Sir, they all do the same kind of responsible work ; still, there is very great disparity in their emoluments. While fully sympathising with the sentiments expressed by the honourable member Mr. Kuruvilla that the private schools should be given more liberal grants and thereby enabled to give better remuneration to their staff, I cannot for a moment forget the fact that, in Travancore, many of the private schools are denominational schools over which the Government do not seem to have sufficient control especially in the matter of recruiting hands for those schools. The results in the examinations may be on the whole better in the private schools than in the Government schools That does not necessarily

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